



INTS3010

International Studies Project

Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2021

Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of [units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities](#).

Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](#) for more detail.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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By appointment

Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit uses key themes to explore language and cultural contexts. Students will work in groups with relevant staff in Languages and Cultures undertaking projects in one of the languages and cultures offered in the Department. Assessment is by individual projects which allow students to accomplish identified goals in relation to literature, theatre, film, music, fine arts, education, or linguistics, to examine relationships between language and culture and demonstrate the application of advanced skills in languages and cultures. Students will use language(s) they are studying to deepen their understanding of and communicate specialist knowledge in language or culture. Students need to have at least upper intermediate language skills and have completed prior units of study in languages and cultures and articulate their intended project goals in their enrolment request.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: demonstrate advanced communication skills, written and oral in language(s) other than English.

ULO2: apply independent and analytical judgment to a research, professional or language accreditation project.

ULO3: organise and manage a project plan to accomplish an identified goal.

ULO4: communicate deep knowledge of a specialist topic in language and culture.

ULO5: critically evaluate resources, prioritise relevance and apply to achieving an identified goal.

General Assessment Information

This unit will focus on training students' independent research capabilities. The assessment tasks are to evaluate your progress and support the targeted practice and training. You will be designing and communicating your research in language and cultural contexts, including a research topic and your choice of language (to be agreed by your supervisor). You will produce a carefully articulated research paper, written in English or in the language you are studying. Take into account feedback received for the preparatory tasks. Explicitly engage with the feedback in a short self-reflexive statement in addition to your essay.

Rubrics and exemplars, together with further information about assessment tasks will be provided in iLearn.

All assessment tasks are compulsory and must be submitted on time. All written assignments must be submitted via Turnitin. Please be noted that your

Late Assessment Penalty

*Please note that the University and the Faculty of Arts have launched a new assessment policy effective as of 1 July 2021. This new policy particularly affects **LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS**.*

The Faculty policy in relation to late assessment submissions is as follows:

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests, etc.

To be very clear:

- Unless you have applied for special consideration and had your application approved, for each day your assignment is late, 10 marks will be deducted. For example, if you submit your assignment 7 days late, 70 marks will be deducted, which means you will fail that assignment. If your assignment is more than 7 days late (including weekends), you will get 0 for your assignment. These are serious penalties that will substantially alter your

final grade and even determine whether you pass or fail this unit. Please make every effort to submit your assignment by the due date. If you find you cannot submit your assignment on time, please apply for Special Consideration through AskMQ. Make sure you read Macquarie University's policy regarding Special Consideration requests before you apply: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/special-consideration>

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Project goals, plan and timeline	10%	No	by 17:00 Friday, 13/08/2021, Week 3
Comprehension and analysis of texts	20%	No	by 17:00 Friday, 03/09/2021, Week 6
Oral communication	30%	No	by 17:00, 08/10/2021, Week 9
Written communication	40%	No	by 17:00 Friday, 05/11/2021, Week 13

Project goals, plan and timeline

Assessment Type ¹: Plan

Indicative Time on Task ²: 5 hours

Due: **by 17:00 Friday, 13/08/2021, Week 3**

Weighting: **10%**

Design project plan.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- organise and manage a project plan to accomplish an identified goal.

Comprehension and analysis of texts

Assessment Type ¹: Qualitative analysis task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **by 17:00 Friday, 03/09/2021, Week 6**

Weighting: **20%**

Comprehension and evaluation of resources.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- apply independent and analytical judgment to a research, professional or language accreditation project.
- organise and manage a project plan to accomplish an identified goal.
- critically evaluate resources, prioritise relevance and apply to achieving an identified goal.

Oral communication

Assessment Type ¹: Presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **by 17:00, 08/10/2021, Week 9**

Weighting: **30%**

Demonstrate project-appropriate communication skills and content relevance.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- demonstrate advanced communication skills, written and oral in language(s) other than English.
- communicate deep knowledge of a specialist topic in language and culture.

Written communication

Assessment Type ¹: LOTE written composition

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **by 17:00 Friday, 05/11/2021, Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Produce carefully articulated and project-specific written communications engaging with the language you are studying and the communicative context and purposes of the project goals. Take into account feedback received in preparatory tasks.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- demonstrate advanced communication skills, written and oral in language(s) other than English.

- apply independent and analytical judgment to a research, professional or language accreditation project.
 - communicate deep knowledge of a specialist topic in language and culture.
 - critically evaluate resources, prioritise relevance and apply to achieving an identified goal.
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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

TIMETABLE

This unit is designed to provide training to students for independent research in language and cultural contexts. Students will work in groups with relevant staff in Languages and Cultures undertaking projects in one of the languages and cultures offered in the Department. **Students are required to actively participate in these group meetings.**

There will also be two **meetings for the entire cohort with the supervisor(s) and fellow students** in week 1 (Virtual Orientation/presentations) and week 9 (please see [https://timetable.s.mq.edu.au/2021/.](https://timetable.s.mq.edu.au/2021/)) **Students are required to join these meetings via Zoom. More details will be posted on iLearn.**

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Is my unit in iLearn?: https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/ilearn_unit_status/ to check when your online unit will become available.

Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, ready to work with activities in your online unit. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn by the end of Week 1 and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. If applicable, students are required to download the relevant language package prior to Week 2.

Please contact your course convenor **before** the end of **Week 1** if you do not have a suitable laptop (or tablet) for in-class use.

- **For central technical support go to:** http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/
- **For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to:** <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students>

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

Modified assessment tasks.